

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Allowed Claims 17, 18, 21, 22, 26 through 28, 31, 32, 37, 47, 48, 51, 52, and 57 are pending, with Claims 17, 27, and 47 being independent. Claims 23, 24, 33, 34, 36, 53, 54, 56, and 59 through 61, the rejections of which are traversed, have been cancelled without prejudice.

ERRATA

Applicants have noted inadvertent typographical errors in the July 7, 2008 Declaration, and wish to bring the same to the attention of the Examiner. In particular, in paragraphs 2, 15, and 20, the references to "2007" and "2008" should read --1997-- and --1998--, respectively. Applicants believe that the Examiner has so construed the Declaration, but shall provide a Supplemental Declaration if the Examiner requires. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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